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### Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0012] with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Container 2 and its lid 8 may be made of a paint-resistant material that does not rust or corrode in the presence of paint and will not damage or alter the color of the paint. Preferably, container 2 and lid 8 are made of the same material. Suitable materials include plastic, glass, metals such as aluminum and stainless steel, and ceramics. The preferred material is a plastic, such as polystyrene or polypropylene, as plastic is inexpensive and will not corrode or discolor the paint. --

Please replace paragraph [0028] by the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Figure 2 shows an alternative lid 12 that can be used with the container 2 shown in Figure 1. Double lid 12 has a first lid 13, which may be identical to lid 8 shown in Figure 1 with sponge 11 attached to the inside. In addition, second lid 14, which may be identical to lid 13 but without a sponge attached, is attached back-to-back to lid 13. The central portions of the two lids are preferably attached to each other by adhesive, by they could also be attached by other means, such as by heat bonding or mechanically. The two lids may also be molded out of plastic or other materials as a single piece. --